

MINUTES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMON COUNCIL
MAY 11, 1998
REGULAR SESSION

The Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana met in Regular Session on Monday, May 11, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 20 North 6th Street, Lafayette, Indiana.

President Alting called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag of our Country.

The following members were:

Present: Boehning, Meyer, Probasco, Campbell (7:05 p.m.), Downie, Rhoda, Fisher, Smith, Alting
Absent: None

Councilman Boehning moved to recess for Public Hearings on Ordinance 98-20 and Ordinance 98-21, Councilman Probasco seconded. The Motion to recess passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Mark DeYoung, Stuart and Branigin spoke in favor of Ordinance 98-20. Councilman Campbell arrived at 7:05 p.m. Steve Baumgartner, 500 Hamman Drive, explained that he owns property along Hamman Drive, expressed concern about semi traffic, and spoke in opposition to Ordinance 98-20. There was no public comment on Ordinance 98-21. Councilman Boehning moved to reconvene the Regular Meeting, Councilman Meyer seconded. The Motion to reconvene the meeting passed by unanimous Voice Vote.

Councilman Fisher stated that on the April 6, 1998 Minutes there were several scrivener's errors as follows: on Ordinance 98-21 the word "Street" needed to be added in the first and third lines of the paragraph and in the Council Comment paragraph in the sixth line the word "the" needed to be added before the word "community". Councilman Campbell moved to approve the April 6, 1998 Minutes, as corrected, Councilman Rhoda seconded. The Minutes were accepted by unanimous Voice Vote.

The Clerk stated that there were no Presentations or Disposal of Claims or Presentations of Petitions or Communications.

The Clerk stated that the following reports are available in the Clerk's Office:

Clerk's Office Monthly Reports– March and April 1998
Controllars Department Annual Report 1997
Controllars Monthly – March 1998
Traffic Department Monthly – December 1997
Motor Vehicle Report – March 1998
Miscellaneous Monthly Department Reports

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-17 (An Ordinance Transferring Money Within the Fire Department Budget) by title only for second and final reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Downie seconded. Jeff McCoy, Fire Chief, explained the request for transfer of funds. Ordinance 98-17 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-20 (An Ordinance to Vacate a Public Way in the City of Lafayette, Egyptian Lacquer Manufacturing Company, Petitioner) by title only for second and final reading. Councilman Downie moved for passage, Councilman Fisher seconded. Mr. DeYoung explained that all adjoining property owners were notified and stated that Mr. Baumgartner was notified of the proposed vacation. Mr. DeYoung briefly explained the proposed vacation. Councilman Fisher stated that the property is in his district and after looking at the property he stated that he felt the vacation should be granted. Ordinance 98-20 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-21 (An Ordinance to Vacate a Public Way in the City of Lafayette, Kossuth Street Baptist Church, Petitioner) by title only for second and final reading. Councilman Fisher moved for passage, Councilman Rhoda seconded. Joseph Bumbleburg, representing the petitioner, explained the proposal to expand and improve the Kossuth Street Baptist Church. Mr. Bumbleburg explained that all necessary variances have been approved. Mr. Bumbleburg distributed maps to the councilmembers. Discussion ensued. Ordinance 98-21 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-22 (An Ordinance of the City of Lafayette, Indiana Concerning Park Improvements by the Lafayette Park and Recreation Board Through the Issuance and Sale of Bonds, and Other Matters Connected Therewith) by title only for second and final reading. Councilman Boehning moved for passage, Councilman Campbell seconded. Vicki Mayes, Park Superintendent, explained the public process that has gone into the development of the Columbian Park master plan. Ms. Mayes explained the items that are included in the bond issue. Ms. Mayes explained the need for generating revenue and also providing high quality services. Ms. Mayes explained that the project has been on a fast track because of the deterioration of the Columbian Park pool, but that there has been very careful consideration in all facets of the proposal. Jack Bogan, President of the Park Board, requested Council support for the bond issue. Mr. Bogan explained that there have been many good questions raised about this project but asked Council to separate the Vinton pool issue from this proposal. Councilman Meyer asked about the other aspects of the overall Columbian Park project. Ms. Mayes explained the future expectations for Columbian Park. Councilman Meyer asked if there would be additional bonding for further improvements to Columbian Park. Ms. Mayes explained that she anticipates that there will be additional bonding. Councilman Smith stated that he is excited about the Columbian Park project and stated that the Vinton pool issue needs to be dealt with on a fast track too, and requested a commitment from park board and the administration. Ms. Mayes stated that the process has already started and she is committed to developing a plan for the north end. Ms. Mayes requested patience from the community throughout the process. Councilman Rhoda stated that he is concerned about parking in the neighborhood. Ms. Mayes explained the proposed parking areas. Councilman Downie expressed concern about the amount of the bond. Councilman Meyer expressed his support for the general plan but stated that the Vinton and Edgelea pools are important issues. Councilman Meyer stated that the pool issues should not be separate issues and stated that there needs to be an overall strategy for all pools before he could support the proposal. Councilman Meyer moved to table Ordinance 98-22 until time uncertain, Councilman Downie seconded. The Motion to table Ordinance 98-22 failed by a vote of 2-6 as follows:

Ayes: Meyer, Downie

Nays: Boehning, Probasco, Campbell, Rhoda, Fisher, Smith

Council discussion ensued. Ashley Detzner, 220 Perrin Avenue, spoke in support of Ordinance 98-22. Roger Detzner, 220 Perrin Avenue, submitted a petition of names in favor of the project and stated that all of the signatories were very happy to sign the petition. Jim Kleck, President of the Parks Foundation Board, stated that there was unanimous support from the Foundation. Keith Brown, 221 S. 7th Street and 505 Lingle Terrace, stated his concern about the cost of admittance to the aquatic center. Steven Knecht, President of the Friends of Columbian Park Zoo, spoke in support of the bond issue. Steve Needham, Fairfield Township Advisory Board, spoke in support of the Ordinance. Doug Mulhaupt, 1100 Central Street, community concept team, stated that the concept team looked at public input to assure that the input was included, and he stated that he is pleased with the proposal. Melissa German, spoke in opposition to the proposal. Eleanor Riggs, spoke in support of the proposal. Kurt Wilson, 3515 Canterbury, community concept team, spoke in favor of the proposal. John Layton, 13 Brookdale Court, spoke in support of the proposal. Andrew Robertson, 3716 Tularosa Street, spoke in opposition to the proposal. Sandy Lange, 3750 S 50 E, community concept team, spoke in support of the project. Tom Templin, 3516 Mulberry Drive, stated that he was Chairman of the Park Task Force and expressed his support of the project. Ken Bowers, 1924 Scott Street, stated his concern about the plans along Scott Street. Charles Gullion, 1112 Salem Street, community concept team, spoke in support of the proposal and acknowledged that all ages will be able to use the park. Cathy Cavanaugh, 101 Park Avenue, community concept team, spoke in support of the proposal and expressed concern about safety issues. Gene Reed, Police Chief, stated that the security issue is being addressed. Nora Jarmon, 32 Peppertree Court, expressed concern about how the bonds would be paid. Gail Brock, spoke in opposition to the proposal. Penny Parmenter, 1024 Tippecanoe Street, Lincoln Neighborhood Association, stated that the executive board supports the proposal. Vince Kochert, 605

LaGrange Street, community concept team, spoke in support of the proposal. Deb Coyner, 3137 Prairie Lane, spoke in opposition to the proposal. Sandy Lahr, 822 Kossuth Street, community concept team, spoke in support of the proposal. Ann Prather, 2331 N. 22nd Street, expressed opposition to closing the Columbian Park pool. Mayor Dave Heath explained the process that had started about 2 years ago to study the entire park system. Mayor Heath explained that cuts would be made in the city budget to allow for repayment of the bond issue. Mayor Heath explained that over 1,000 people have been involved in the visioning process for the park system. Melissa Nelson, 555 Golden Place, asked to allow time to agree on the project outcome before approving. Councilman Smith inquired about the condition of Park Avenue. Mayor Heath stated that Park Avenue would be restriped this year. Ordinance 98-22 passed 6-2 on a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Boehning, Probasco, Campbell, Rhoda, Fisher, Smith
Nays: Meyer, Downie

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-25 (An Ordinance Transferring Money Within the Sanitation Department Budget) by title only for first reading. Councilman Campbell moved for passage, Councilman Probasco seconded. Butch Worthington, Superintendent, explained the need for the transfer of funds. Ordinance 98-25 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-26 (An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, to Rezone Certain Real Estate from R1 and R1B to R1B, Abbington Development, Inc. Petitioner) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Rhoda seconded. Joe Bumbleburg, representing the petitioner, explained the proposal. Councilman Probasco urged Council support. Councilman Smith stated that 64 lots is much better than the original proposal of 92 lots. Ordinance 98-26 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Ordinance 98-27 (An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 97-22 to Reorganize Sanitation and Street Department Positions to Support Trash/Recycling Program) by title only for first reading. Councilman Smith moved for passage, Councilman Downie seconded. Mr. Worthington explained the new services that will be provided and the need to reorganize the department in preparation for the new trash/recycling services. Mr. Worthington explained that there would be no additional personnel expenditures in the budget. Councilman Probasco acknowledged that there would be no detriment to the personnel salaries. Mr. Worthington requested that Council consider reading Ordinance 98-27 on second and final reading. Councilman Boehning commended Mr. Worthington on the new trash/recycling program. Ordinance 98-27 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Councilman Campbell moved to suspend the rules to hear Ordinance 98-27 on second and final reading, Councilman Boehning seconded. The Motion to suspend the rules passed 8-0 on a roll call vote. Councilman Smith moved for passage of Ordinance 98-27 on second and final reading, Councilman Fisher seconded. Ordinance 98-27 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote on second and final reading.

The Clerk read Resolution 98-8 (A Resolution Approving a Land Transfer in Connection with the Fleet Maintenance Facility) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Smith seconded. Sherry McLauchlan, Community Redevelopment Director, explained that the property needed to be turned over to the redevelopment authority for construction of the fleet maintenance facility with City Hall bond proceeds. Councilman Campbell inquired about the need to protect the wellhead area. Ms. McLauchlan explained that there has been extensive analysis on the property and she is confident that the wells will be protected. Ms. McLauchlan stated that there would not be a fueling facility at the site. Resolution 98-8 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 98-9 (1998 Allocation of the Annual Funding for the Community Development Block Grants and HOME Program from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Smith moved for passage, Councilman Meyer seconded. Ms. McLauchlan explained the proposal. Councilman Boehning asked about the \$308,000 for public facilities. Councilman Meyer thanked Ms. McLauchlan and her staff for their hard work on this proposal.

Councilman Downie encouraged the agencies to continue to look for other sources of funding. Resolution 98-9 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Clerk read Resolution 98-10 (1998 Allocation of the Annual Funding for the Community Development Block Grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the *Social Service Program*) by title only for first and final reading. Councilman Probasco moved for passage, Councilman Rhoda seconded. Ms. McLauchlan explained that there were additional requests from the Lincoln Center and the Mental Health Association and the proposal reflects an agreement to set aside \$11,000 for future action to allocate for emergency services. Councilman Campbell commended Mayor Heath and Ms. McLauchlan for their decision to encourage a compromise for emergency services. Councilman Rhoda stated that he has worked with the Mental Health Association and agreed that the \$11,000 set aside is a good approach. Councilman Meyer stated that there is a need for both services and encouraged compromise. Jack Hawkins, 903 Main Street, encouraged accountability by recipients of the grants. Resolution 98-10 passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

There were no Reports of Standing Committees.

Reports of Special Committees: Councilman Probasco announced that there would be a meeting on May 12, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the historic preservation ordinance.

Report by the Mayor: Mayor Heath thanked Council for their support on the park bond. The Mayor stated that Ninth Street is closed for road and park improvements. Mayor Heath stated that the Munger Park opening would be May 19, 1998 and the McCaw Park opening would be May 17, 1998. Councilman Campbell inquired about health insurance premiums and about banning smoking in city vehicles. Mayor Heath stated that there is a committee studying insurance and that the City has not had an increase in insurance premiums in 2 years. Mayor Heath stated that there are many factors to study to attempt to reduce costs in health insurance.

Council Comment: Councilman Campbell thanked City Clerk Lisa Decker for her involvement in the Chamber of Commerce's Clean Sweep effort.

Councilman Meyer requested that the City Clerk draft a letter to Central Catholic for their recent State Basketball championship, Councilman Rhoda seconded. The request was accepted by unanimous Voice vote.

Public Comment: Ms. Allen, 916 N 10th Street, stated that she has encountered problems with CB radios and that City Attorney Eric Burns has been helpful. Ms. Allen encouraged adoption of an ordinance regarding the use of CB radios in Lafayette. Ms. Allen submitted a tape recording of recent CB radio activities. Brett McKee, Insight Communication, invited everyone to a public meeting regarding the upgrade effort in Lafayette on May 13, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Bill Yazbec, City Controller, stated that he had checked on the \$150.00 fee for security companies and letters have been sent to those who have not been billed. Dr. Shelly MacDermid, Purdue University and Board of Directors Member for Family Services, stated that community service agencies are facing the same cuts as the governmental agencies and that they are working diligently to find additional sources of income, however the needs are still great. Gary Wolfelt, 812 Main Street, spoke in regard to the \$150.00 security fee and distributed a copy of a statement for council. Deb Coyner, encouraged participation in a meeting on Thursday, May 14, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Vinton School to discuss the Vinton Pool. Mayor Dave Heath spoke about Vinton Pool and the need to determine what should be done about activities in the north and south ends of the City. Mayor Heath stated that the community deserves the same process and input that went into the Columbian Park plan.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Campbell moved to adjourn, Councilman Rhoda seconded. The Motion passed by unanimous Voice Vote. Time being 9:29 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Decker, City Clerk.